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Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 5-15, and 45-63 were pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, 15, 45, and 55 have been amended. Claims 3, 4, and 16-25 are withdrawn from consideration. As a result of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-15, and 45-63 are pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested in light of the accompanying amendments and remarks.

The rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite has been overcome. The claim has been amended to remove the phrase "selected from." Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-13, 15, and 45-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as obvious over, Ruettinger has been overcome. Ruettinger teaches a water gas shift catalyst a cerium oxide support, copper or copper oxide, and a platinum group metal. Abstract.

Ruettinger does not teach or suggest the use of "a promoter comprising alkali metals or alkaline earth metals or combinations thereof," as claimed. Ruettinger teaches alkali-free catalysts. See Example 3.

Therefore, Ruettinger does not anticipate or render obvious claims 1, 2, 5-13, 15, and 45-54.

On the Office Action Summary, it indicates that claims 55-63 are withdrawn from consideration. However, no reason for their withdrawal was given. Those claims were added in the previous amendment, but they are not mentioned in the rest of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request clarification.

Claim 1 is a generic claim and is allowable. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the species restriction and allowance of claim 3 and 4.

Claim 15 is a linking claim which is allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and allowance of claims 16-25.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the above amendment and remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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